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Subject: Stop the economically draining witch-hunt against Microsoft!

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Dear Ms. Renata B. Hesse,

Please put a stop to the economically draining witch-hunt against Microsoft. This has gone on long enough.

The attorneys general insist that by prosecuting Microsoft for building an Internet browser into their Windows operating system they are somehow helping consumers. Yet the Microsoft suit has been a disaster for consumers, investors, and taxpayers. If the attorneys general prevail, consumers will be forced to pay higher prices for software and lose the benefit of an integrated operating system.

Investors -- who make up nearly half of all American households -- have watched their portfolios plummet. And taxpayers have been forced to subsidize the attorney generals' quixotic three-year legal odyssey.

Courts in eight states have already recognized the flawed nature of the case and thrown out private antitrust suits against Microsoft.

The only benefit of the Microsoft case is that it has exposed the naked ambition of the attorneys general. They should realize that the emperor has no clothes before they do further damage to our economy and legal system.

Therefore, please put a stop to this travesty of justice now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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